

## I. C. C. ADVISES EARLY ENLARGEMENT OF BODY

Also Asks for Adequate Legislation Giving Control Over Railway Capitalization.

### ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Recommends That Use of Steel Cars in Passenger Trains Be Required. Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30 Is \$3,933,925.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—Early enlargement of the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with statutory power to act through subdivisions, and "appropriate and adequate" legislation for control over railway capitalization were among the important recommendations made to Congress to-day in the commission's annual report.

The commission suggested that it should have express authority of law to have access to the better files of carriers; that the use of steel cars in passenger trains be required, and that the use of passenger trains be prohibited between or in front of steel cars. It was recommended that the minimum penalty for violations of the hours of service act be fixed at a fine of \$100, and that provision be made that all actions relating to transportation charges should be brought within three years.

For the fiscal year, which ended June 30 last, the commission spent \$3,933,925, including \$2,119,275 for physical valuation work. Its estimate for the year, which begins July 1, next, already have been submitted to Congress.

The report is largely devoted to presenting the commission's work for the year. Under physical valuation work it reports that since June there have been twelve roadway and track parties in the field in each of the five districts into which the country has been divided, and that their total average has been about 4,000 miles per month. By January 1, the report says, surveys of nearly 55,000 miles of railroad will virtually be completed. The total railroad mileage of the country is put at 259,000, and the report says that the 200,000 miles left at the beginning of the year should be surveyed in the four following years under the present arrangement.

"It is doubtful," it adds, "if under the present organization, work can be prosecuted more rapidly than it is now proceeding."

The report states that the survey of 7,500 miles of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific will be completed by January 1, with the exception of a few hundred miles in the South. Surveys of the Boston and Maine also will be completed this year. Before applying the test of actual cost to roads, however, the report declares that much more information must be obtained and has determined to defer the application of prices and the final statement in dollars of the cost of reproduction anew.

**WILL NOT INVOLVE DELAY IN COMPLETION OF WORK**

"It should be noted," explains the report, "that this will not involve delay in the final completion of the work, since as soon as the application of prices can be properly begun, the work can be speedily brought up."

The commission expresses gratification at the decrease in the number of collisions, but says that individual instances of unsafe operating methods and violation of rules "are still too numerous." It suggests a standardization of operating rules to assure safety of railway travel, to be obtained through Federal legislation. It shows that derailments have been on the increase, and that in 1915 there were 2,538 collisions and 6,849 derailments, compared with 5,042 collisions and 3,633 derailments in 1902.

"Track conditions which are unsafe for the operation of trains at the rate of speed permitted are too common," says the report. "In several of the derailments investigated the track conditions were found to be so bad as to be actually unsafe for the passage of trains even at moderate speed, yet no special speed restrictions were in force, and it was common practice for trains to be operated at unsafe speed over such track."

The commission suggests the need of definite information as to the physical properties of wheels, rails and other materials used in track and equipment and the strains and stresses they are required to sustain in service. Derailments caused by malicious tampering with track or switches are reported to be on the increase, and present a problem difficult to solve, better policing of tracks and a rigid enforcement of trespass laws being suggested as remedies.

Up to June 30 plans for 418 automatic train-control devices had been presented to the commission for examination, of which 342 had been examined and 251 found impracticable and crude and twenty-five found possessed of meritorious features, but required further development before being entitled to serious consideration. The block system of operation is declared to have proven its superiority over any other.

The report contains a report of the important court decisions affecting findings of the commission.

### RAMSEY CASE CONTINUED

Indicted on Charge of Swindling Mrs. Laura B. Russell out of \$3,275.

At the request of counsel for the defendant, the Hastings Court yesterday granted another postponement in the case of the Commonwealth against Ashby D. Ramsey, indicted on the charge of swindling Mrs. Laura B. Russell out of the sum of \$3,275. W. H. Boze renewed the \$2,500 bond under which Ramsey has been at liberty. The trial was set for January 12.

William Grayson, indicted on the charge of malicious wounding, was convicted of assault and battery and sentenced to serve six months in jail.

**Christmas Holiday Fares to Points On and Reached via Norfolk and Western Railway**

Tickets to points in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi, will be sold at special rates on December 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1915, with final limit for return trip January 10, 1916. Tickets to points in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas will be sold on same dates, excepting December 19th. Fare to Norfolk and return, \$3.45; to Lynchburg and return, \$5.05. For rates to other points, apply to C. A. Overton, Jr., City Passenger Agent, No. 838 East Main Street, or to

C. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent.

## USE 64,500 ANIMALS IN CANCER INVESTIGATIONS

Activities of George Crocker Research Fund Laboratory at Columbia University During Past Year.

NEW YORK, December 13.—The George Crocker cancer research fund laboratory at Columbia University made use of 64,500 animals in the course of its investigations concerning cancer during the past year, as shown in its annual report issued to-day. The animals included 52,000 mice, 10,000 rats, 200 rabbits, 1,000 guinea pigs and 1,200 chickens and other fowl. For tests with radium alone 12,000 mice and 2,500 rats were used. In addition, a special strain of mice is being bred, in which spontaneous tumors frequently develop.

Upon these animals, with tumors either spontaneous or artificially produced, and upon human beings whose cancer growths were hopelessly inoperable, the laboratory staff tested the effectiveness of half a dozen so-called cures for cancer. The report states that none of the agencies tested was shown to exert the slightest influence on the tumors treated.

The investigations with radium are said in the report to have led to important quantitative results, and to have shown that only three factors are concerned in the action of that element on cancer cells—the amount of radium, length of exposure and the distance between the radium and the tumor tissue.

## SOME OF PEACE PILGRIMS THREATEN TO QUIT PARTY

Protest Against Resolution Condemning President Wilson's Preparedness Policy.

### APPEAL TO RULERS OF EUROPE

Sent Out by Wireless From the Oscar II, Addressed Individually to Each Reigning Monarch—Asks for Immediate Truce.

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP OSCAR II, (by wireless via steamship Noordam), December 13.—A resolution condemning President Wilson's preparedness policy brought a protest from some of the prominent members of Henry Ford's peace party last night when it was presented for adoption. The resolution was drawn up by the Rev. Jenkin L. Jones and the Rev. Charles F. Aked and others, who asked that it be signed by all the members of the party as their platform.

More than a dozen members, including S. S. McClure, of New York, and Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, refused to sign on the ground that the resolution was unpatriotic. Some of them even threatened to leave the party after it reached Europe if the proposed platform was put through.

Its supporters said the opponents of the resolution failed to understand the spirit of Mr. Ford's invitation.

An appeal to the rulers of Europe was sent out by wireless to-day, addressed individually to each reigning monarch, reading:

"Sir,—We come in this time of trouble, not to add to your burdens, but to help lift them; not to consider which nations are most to blame for the disaster that has befallen Europe, but to end the strife; not to intrude ourselves upon your national life and national ideas, but rather with an earnest desire to understand them and a heartfelt wish to aid in realizing them.

"The love of country, for which every day tens of thousands of lives are sacrificed, is the same in every land. Your nation, like the people of all the other belligerent countries, is fighting for its national existence and its best national traditions, and so there can be no irreconcilable differences. Such common ideals surely must afford a basis upon which to establish a magnanimous and honorable peace.

"The time has come to stop the bloodshed, to save the people from further slaughter, and the civilization of the world from anarchy and ruin. Has not war been tried enough in sixteen months of fighting? Is it not proven that war cannot solve the problem, but that it leads only to loss and misery? Must lives be crushed and wives and mothers bereaved before we recognize that Europe is bleeding to death, and that the grievous wound must be stanching.

"We neutrals are about to join in a

conference which shall without delay frame and submit simultaneously to you and all the other belligerent nations proposals as a basis for discussion leading to the final settlement. Therefore, we do earnestly entreat you and the rulers of all the other warring nations to declare an immediate truce. Let the armies stand still where they are. Then let negotiations proceed, so that the soldiers may be delivered from another bitter winter in the trenches and sent back to their labors and their families. As there is no other way to end the war except by mediation and discussion, why waste one more precious human life? For the sake of humanity.

HENRY FORD.

### M'REYNOLDS DISMISSED

W. H. McReynolds, chauffeur for Governor Henry C. Stuart, charged with recklessly driving an automobile and with exceeding the speed limit, was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate F. H. Franklin in Police Court, Part II. George Winston, colored, charged with similar offenses, was fined \$29 and costs.

Charges were brought against both men as a result of an automobile accident on Lower Third Street one night about two weeks ago. McReynolds claimed that he stuck to the right side of the street in coming to Richmond, but that Winston, driving a car owned by James R. Branch, cut across in front of him resulting in a head-on collision. The Governor's chauffeur said that he did all that he could to prevent the accident.

## Thin Folks Who Would Be Fat

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